Office of Governor Mitch Daniels



Weekly Wrap-up | A look at news and events in the Daniels Administration



Governor offers full-day kindergarten plan

(December 5) Governor Daniels on Tuesday proposed offering full-day kindergarten next year, beginning with the state's neediest children. The plan would frontload implementation such that a majority of the

state's kindergarten-age children would be enrolled beginning in August 2007. Read the news release. Click here to visit Governor Daniels' Web site to listen to audio from the Governor's full-day kindergarten implementation plan.

Governor Daniels also visited Abbett Elementary School in Fort Wayne to continue discussion on his full-day kindergarten proposal. Daniels was joined by Fort Wayne Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Wendy Robinson.

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WellPoint selects Indiana for new specialty pharmacy and managed care **Medicaid operations**

(December 4) Governor Mitch Daniels joined WellPoint Inc. executives (NYSE: WLP) to announce the selection of Indiana for the company's new specialty pharmacy operation, PrecisionRx Specialty Solutions (PRxSS), to be located at the Indianapolis International Airport. Additionally, WellPoint is continuing to expand its Medicaid services operations in Indiana to provide health care benefits to enrollees in the state managed care program. In total, WellPoint will create 1,200 new positions in Indiana over the next five years as a result of these initiatives. Read the news release.

Governor recognizes fraud-fighting agents

(December 4) More than one thousand convicted drug felons are receiving state welfare benefits illegally, according to initial findings of a state and federal investigation, and will be removed from the state's welfare rolls as individual findings are confirmed, Governor Daniels said. Read the news release.

Schneider to step down at Hoosier Lottery

(December 7) Hoosier Lottery Executive Director Esther Schneider will be leaving state government after leading the lottery to a record financial return. The governor has appointed Kathryn Densborn, of Indianapolis, to replace her. Read the news release.

Governor to visit two schools in northern Indiana

Governor Daniels plans to announce on Tuesday the recipients of 16 planning grants that will be used to redesign high schools to prepare students for post-secondary success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at Rochester High School. During his visit, he will talk about his experience as governor to an economics class. The governor will also visit a 4th grade class and meet the student body at Wanatah Public School.